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From the President's Desk

It was a long drive from Michigan to Orlando, but this time I had lots of company. My wife, daughter, grand daughter and dog went with me. My wife wouldn't go without her dog and had to be convinced that the hotel would not object. This is the first out-of-town coin show that my wife has ever attended with me. We stopped in Atlanta, GA to visit close friends and left my grand daughter with them.

Contrary to many reports I thought that the ANA Convention was a good one, not great, but good. What a layout the ANA gave to us! We were in the area with all of the other clubs, but we were at the end of a row with two front tables and two side tables bordering two aisles along with two back-up tables. Jim Dundon was there with his machine. But even with two machines (his and mine) we had trouble filling all of the space.

The activity at our booth was busy as usual. The only real disappointment was that sale of our convention items were low – but we enjoyed ourselves. Gus and Nan Meccarello were there from start to finish. Gus did his usual good job of promoting new memberships and Angelo Rosato's book. He didn't allow anyone to walk away without something free in their hands. He gave away several thousand coins and almost 500 copies of our convention issue of TEC News. Nan was there for moral support and got us something to eat

every once in a while. Del Cushing and his wife were great help. I don't remember his wife's name but we'll call her the "Bat Woman." She got a kick out of selling Batman coins and did a good job of it too. They helped out for the major part of three days.

Frank Brazzell and his wife Jane were there for part of two days. Reva Kline was there to help also. We missed Sally Kirka and Ginnie Aldridge.

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President's Desk (From Page 1)

It was reported that sickness prevented them from being there. We hope that they have fully recovered by now.

My daughter was a tremendous help. She helped me unload, set-up, tear-down, reload and much in between. She has always been her dad's number one helper. My wife surprised everyone when she walked in carrying her Yorkshire Terrier. She walked around for over an hour before she was told that they shouldn't have let her in with a dog and that she would have to leave.

Jim Dundon was a real attraction with his machine and souvenir stand. He was there to show it off and did a good job of it. He also claims to have sold enough coins to cover his expenses. His machine rolls a selection of eight different designs. In addition to that, his wife Robbyn was a big help. She took over rolling coins on my machine while Gus and I attended the awards program. Later she volunteered to take over the job of TEC Secretary (Ed. note: Welcome Aboard!). We had three volunteers step forward and this gave me the problem of having to select one and tell the other two that the job was filled.

At the awards program, Gus and I accepted a large plaque recognizing TEC for 25 years of ANA membership. I also received a third place award for an exhibit on Masonic Tokens (not elongated coins).

Minutes on our annual board and membership meetings are detailed elsewhere in this issue of TEC News.

My wife, daughter and I spent three nice evenings with Bill and Carolyn Lenz. Bill was there to promote the ANA Convention to be held in Baltimore next year. Bill is a real supporter of TEC and will be General Chairman of the Baltimore Convention.

The official convention design was rolled on many very unusual coins including those from foreign mints. It was a real experience rolling them for representatives from the China mint. They did not speak English. As it turned out I rolled them on the wrong side. After getting that straightened out I rolled more for them. They seemed to be amused. I also rolled 600 Florida Bridge tokens that were placed at each place setting at the Saturday evening banquet. So you see, TEC and elongated coins were well represented and we did have a good convention.

Our Treasurer, Don Wilkinson, was scheduled for surgery the first part of October and is in for a long recuperation period. I am sure that cards with good wishes would be appreciated.

Best wishes,

Minutes of the Elongated Collectors Annual Board Meeting 1992

The annual meeting of TEC's Board of Directors was held on Friday, August 14, 1992 in Room #22 of the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida.

Each officer had been requested to bring concerns and suggestions to the meeting. There was no planned agenda. The meeting is usually a sounding board for subjects that should be brought up at the Annual Membership Meeting.

President Dillard requested someone to take minutes. Lowell Lundberg was present and volunteered even though he is not an officer.

Dillard explained our need for a Secretary, and that this was the most urgent problem facing our organization – reviewing the tragic accident of the Wilkinsons, the death of Ginnie, the apparent recovery and relapse of Don. He also announced that some members had indicated an interest in the job and felt that an appointment could be made after the convention.

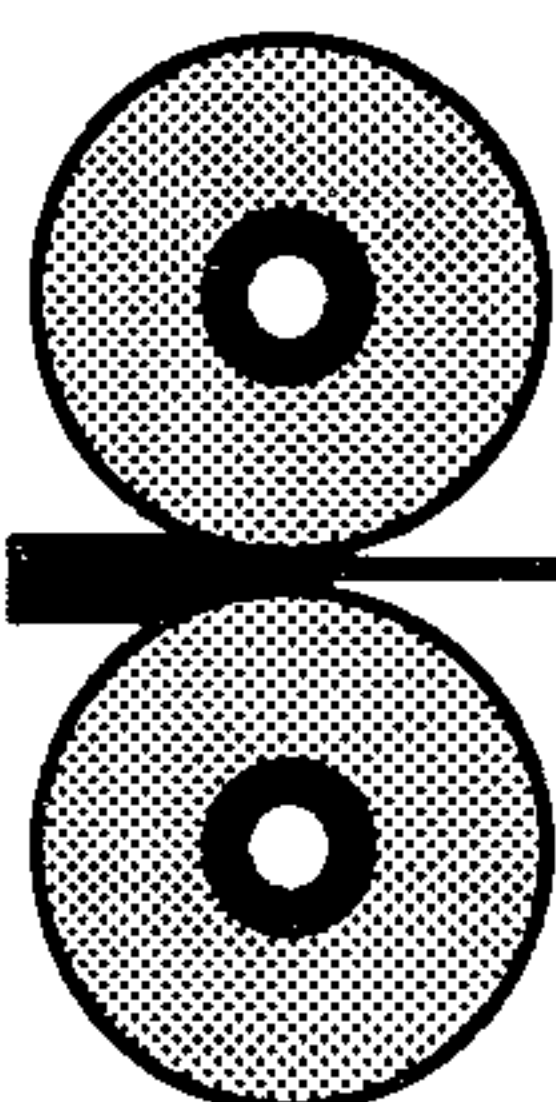
Other concerns were also discussed:

1. Sharp drop in membership and possible reasons. Follow-up letters suggested.
2. Requirement for a record on age of Junior members.
3. Need for a special dues fee for non-U.S. members.
4. New editor doing an outstanding job.
5. Use of lending library, video tape rental and 2x2 holder programs are on the wane.
6. Donations for hand-outs by Frank Brazzell, Norm Talbert, Angelo Rosato and Ray Dillard.
7. Donations for TEC Auction by Jack Rosenbluth, Brian & Laura Mooberry, Craig Whitford and Ray Dillard.
8. Need for modernized Video Tapes.
9. Dillard requested recommendations for merit award candidates.
10. Remarked that ANA treats us well but convention coins are not selling well.
11. Discussed the need for ideas on creating greater interest in collecting elongated coins. Sales from price lists hardly pay for printing and postage.
12. Rosato's book still not profitable.
13. Need competition in our election of officers. Frank Brazzell commented that offices are quite prestigious and pointed out that our organization is 26 years old and we only have seven (7) past presidents.
14. Additional study on a Life Membership program was not made. Consequently there was no recommendation.
15. Treasury balance was reported to be \$6122.32 immediately prior to the convention.

Some members started appearing for the membership meeting. Bob Hendershot (Honorary Chairman of the Convention) asked if a short guy could be elongated.

The meeting was adjourned on this note.

Respectively submitted,
Lowell L. Lundberg
Acting Secretary



Between The Rollers... Ye Editor's Notes

Dear Friends:

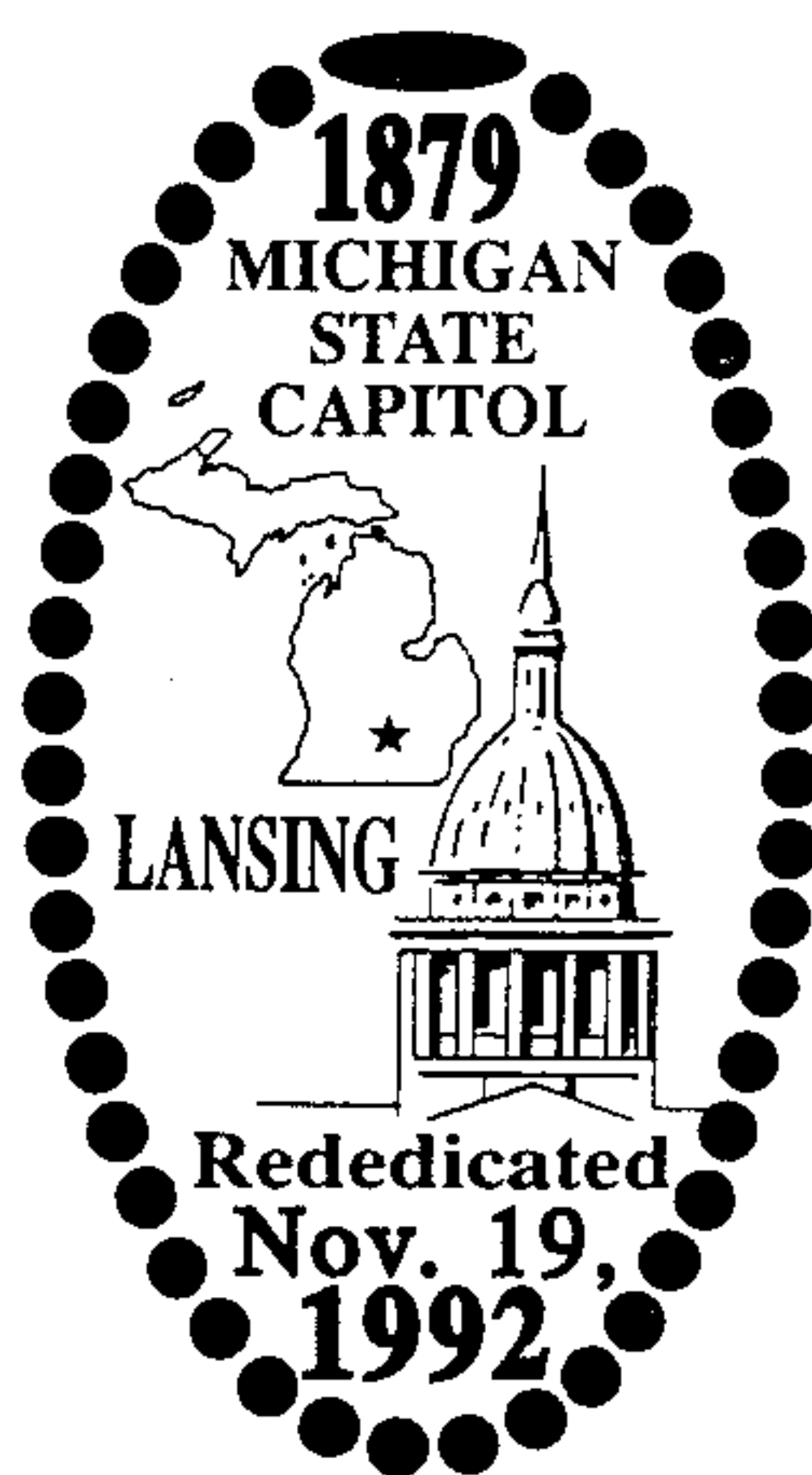
It has been quite some time since the last issue of TEC News. My apologies. I've been quite busy with my auction firm and thus the reason for the one-month delay. The ANA Convention and the conventions which followed kept me out of the office more than normal. We will strive to be on schedule with the Winter (brrrrrrrrr.....!) issue.

The present issue is filled with informative TEC Annual meeting news, minutes and a special 'Scrapbook' page of convention photographs. I would like to personally extend a big THANK YOU to all who assisted at the TEC booth and attended the meetings. I was fortunate enough to 'call' the TEC auction, and certainly appreciate all of those who supported the TEC Treasury and those volunteers who assisted with collecting money. Members are the backbone of this fantastic collector oriented organization and it was a pleasure to meet many of you at this years convention.

I've been keeping Ray Dillard somewhat busy with an elongated project for the State of Michigan. On November 19, 1992 the State of Michigan will rededicate the State Capitol building. Originally built in 1879, the capitol has recently undergone several years of renovation to restore the structure to its original design. The restoration is nearly complete and it's Beautiful! I made arrangement with the United States Postal Service for a special cancellation and one-day postal sub-station to be located within the Capitol. Ray will be on hand with his machine rolling elongates for the visitor's on the 19th. It's a special day in State history and everyone is looking forward to it. The elongate design is shown to the right.

Well, once again, the time has come for you to sit back, relax and enjoy all that is featured within these pages. . .and if you get the chance, take some time out of your busy schedule to send me a letter or an article orEnjoy!

Season's Greetings,



Minutes of The Elongated Collectors Annual Membership Meeting 1992

The annual TEC membership meeting immediately followed the board meeting, in the same room.

Attendance appeared to be a little disappointing and start-up was delayed for five minutes hoping for more to show up.

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 AM with 34 present. (Normal attendance is 50 or 60 members).

Roger Bryan, President of Florida United Numismatists (FUN) and General Chairman of the Convention welcomed TEC and all present to the convention. He also presented a Certificate of Appreciation to our organization on behalf of the American Numismatic Association.

It was explained that due to the tragic accident of the Wilkinsons on their way home from the 1991 convention that no formal minutes were ever prepared. The post-convention issue of TEC news outlining the meeting was read and accepted as the official minutes.

In the absence of Don Wilkinson, TEC treasurer, a copy of the most current bank statement was sent by him to serve as his report. The statement indicated a balance of \$6122.32 as of July, 1992, immediately preceding the convention.

It was also announced that Lowell Lundberg was temporarily acting TEC Secretary and would record the minutes of this meeting. The absence of a secretary was due to a relapse in recovery from injuries Don received in the tragic auto accident one year ago. The loss of Don's wife Ginnie was grieved. Don had been planning to continue to perform the duties of the secretary but finds that because of the relapse that he cannot.

Each person present was asked to stand and introduce themselves. Eight of the 34 present were from Florida. 15 other states were also represented.

Highlights of the board meeting were reviewed with the members including problems developed due to the lack of a secretary and our concern regarding the abnormally high number of members that did not renew their membership for 1992. Was it because of the dues increase, loss of contact, confusion and/or mistakes on our part? Suggestions were solicited. After discussion, it was decided to send one more issue of

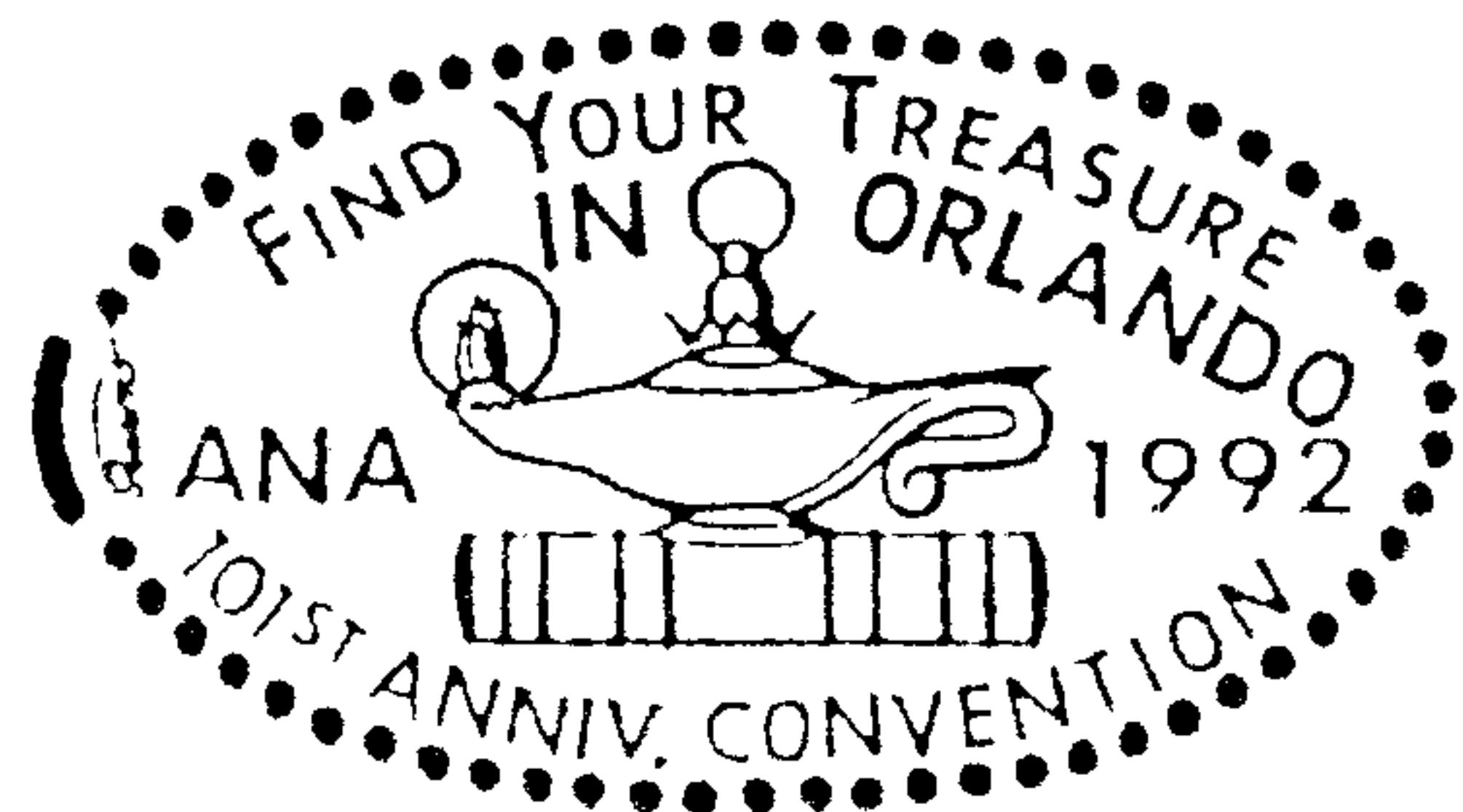
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SPECIAL ISSUE ELONGATED BADGES AND COINS FOR 1992

The Official ANA Convention elongated coins - are still available. The Following items may be ordered from Ray Dillard, P.O. Box 161, Fenton, MI 48430.

1. Regular TEC Convention badge (limited Num
ber) at \$6.00 each postpaid.
2. Convention Sets (6 Coins) \$6.00 plus \$1.00
postage - \$7.00 total.
3. ANA - TEC Convention coin 50 cents plus
S.A.S.E.



Official ANA Convention Design

TEC Convention
Badge Design



Pictured above is a special Elongated Coin design offered as an unusual souvenir of the 101st ANA Convention in Orlando, Florida. Production was limited to 200 numbered Columbian Half Dollars and 100 numbered 1992 Kennedy Half Dollars.

- ★ Elongated 1893 Columbian Half Dollars \$25.00 each.
- ★ Elongated 1992 Kennedy Half Dollars \$5.00 each.
- ★ A very limited number will be rolled on 1892 Columbian Half Dollars. These along with a 1992 Kennedy Half Dollar for \$35.00 per set.
- ★ Canceled Die Specimens for \$5.00 each.

These coins may be ordered by mail from Ray Dillard, P.O. Box 161, Fenton, MI 48430. Note: Only 100 sets were made.

ORDER YOURS TODAY!

*Season's Greetings
From the
TEC
Officers
&
Board Members*



TEC News to all delinquent members with a special plea for them to renew or to contact us regarding misunderstandings, if they exist. We also explained our reasons for needing to know the ages of Junior members and the need for additional fees for non-U.S. members.

Craig Whitford was recognized for the fine job he is doing as editor of TEC News. He received a round of applause. It is anticipated that our newsletter will receive special recognition in 1993 by the ANA for the high quality of work he has done.

It was announced that TEC is scheduled to receive an award from the ANA recognizing our 25 years of membership at the Awards Program on Saturday. Note: A beautiful plaque was accepted by Gus Meccarello and Ray Dillard (Gus as a Charter member and Ray as the current president.)

It was mentioned that the lending library had not been well utilized. Utilization of the video tapes was better. Sales of elongated coin holders had been very good but were on the wane. Apparently a huge void had been filled on the holders and current sales were normal.

Dillard explained difficulty in getting current year coins. It seems to get worse each year. He stated that he had to pay a premium for cents, nickels, dimes and half dollars. Could not get 1992 quarters at any price.

Dillard explained difficulties in selling older elongated coins. Sales from his last price list did not much more than pay for printing and postage costs. Doug Fairbanks and Rocky Rockholt also reported slow sales. He asked for suggestions to promote greater interest but none were received.

It was reported that activity at our booth has been very good but sale of convention items have been slow. Most want freebies that we pass out.

Members were urged to stop at the booth to pick up convention badges and coin sets. It was also announced that special elongated Columbian Half Dollars were available.

Dillard announced that all current officers, past presidents, honorary members and those considered to have made outstanding contributions towards the promotion of elongated coins during the last year would receive Special Merit Award coins. Approximately 50 members will be so honored. Beth Deisher, editor of Coin World requested a list of the names.

Goodie bags and other freebies were handed out to



Happy TEC'ers

all present. The hand-outs were donated by Frank Brazzell, Angelo Rosato, Ray Dillard and Norm Talbert of The Great Lakes Coin Co.

The formal portion of the meeting was adjourned. After a short fellowship period the auction began.

Note: Eight or 10 additional people came in after the meeting began. Total attendance estimated to be 40 to 45.

Respectfully submitted,
Lowell L. Lundberg
Acting Secretary

TEC Auction -1992

Craig Whitford acted as auctioneer with the assistance of runners to deliver items to the winning bidders and collect money. Lowell Lundberg kept records.

Auction material was donated by Jack Rosenbluth, Brian & Laura Mooberry, Craig Whitford and Ray Dillard.

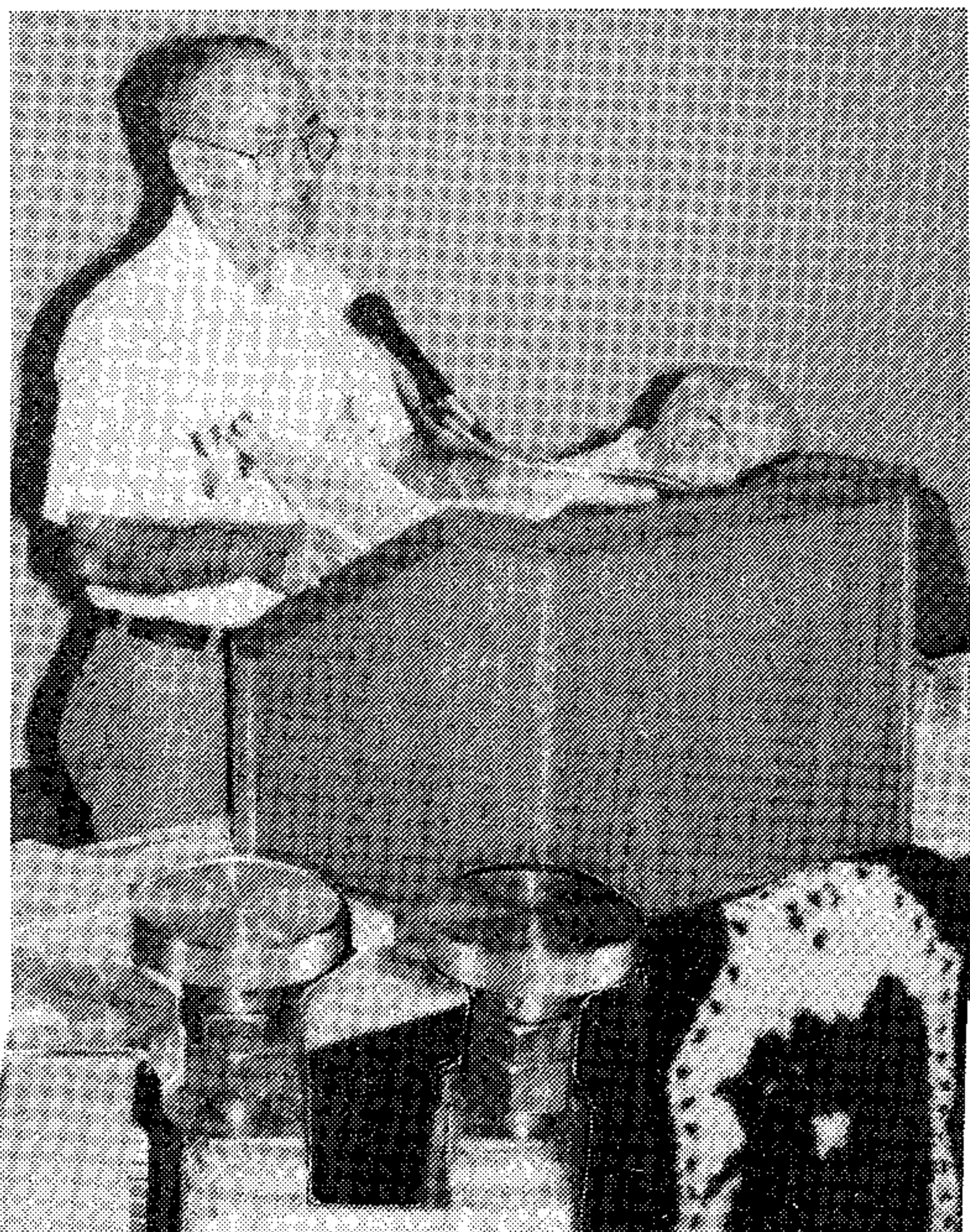
Highlights of the auction were winning bids of \$55.00 for a copy of the Lenard Babin booklet on Elongated Rolled-Out-Cents and \$75.00 for the only available 1992 enameled silver convention badge.

The auction was lively and at times the bidding was spirited. Those that participated seemed to enjoy themselves. Total proceeds from the sale amounted to \$293.00 for the TEC Treasury.

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP
TODAY!**



TEC-ANA Convention Scrapbook



Ray Dillard
During the 1992 Membership Meeting



**TEC is for Kids
of ALL Ages!**



**Pinching Your Penny
is
High Roller . . . Jim Dundon**



Robbyn Dundon
Our NEW TEC Secretary
Working hard at the TEC Booth



Attending the Chicago Century of Progress Exposition, 1933-34

By Jim Seanor

Ed. Note: The following is the text of a letter received by fellow TEC member Rocky Rockholt. The letter was sent to him by Jim Seanor, who recently joined TEC. Welcome aboard Jim!

"Friend Rocky, Regarding my first encounter with the "Egg" shaped coins, this was at the Chicago Century of Progress Exposition, 1933-34. This was the only fair that made money. I was 15 or 16 at the time. Times were hard and F.D.R. (Franklin Roosevelt) was leading the Nation.

"I went to the fair many times. Total cost was less than \$5.00. I was 35 miles west of Chicago, served by the Chicago Aurora & Elgin street cars (Called the Roar-In Elgin). The fare was \$1.35 round trip, 10¢ each way for the Chicago city bus and 50¢ for the fair.

"I remember the coin rolling machine. Ten cents per coin and you furnished the penny. I have the transportation building. This was quite a piece of architecture as the roof was held up by cables, so it was free floating. The skyride is another coin that I have. Each of the cars

were named after an Amos & Andy (radio) character: King Fish, Battle Ax, Madame Queen and Ruby.

"I think the ride was 25¢ and the same to go to the top of the tower. On a clear day you could see Wisconsin, Indiana and Michigan!

"Every once in a while I come across other World's Fair coins of that period.

"Transportation is no faster today than it was then. Less than one hour to get downtown. Those street cars, in some areas, would hit 70 miles per hour. Their commuter train was called "The Cannon Ball."

"As I reflect back, I remember this of the period:

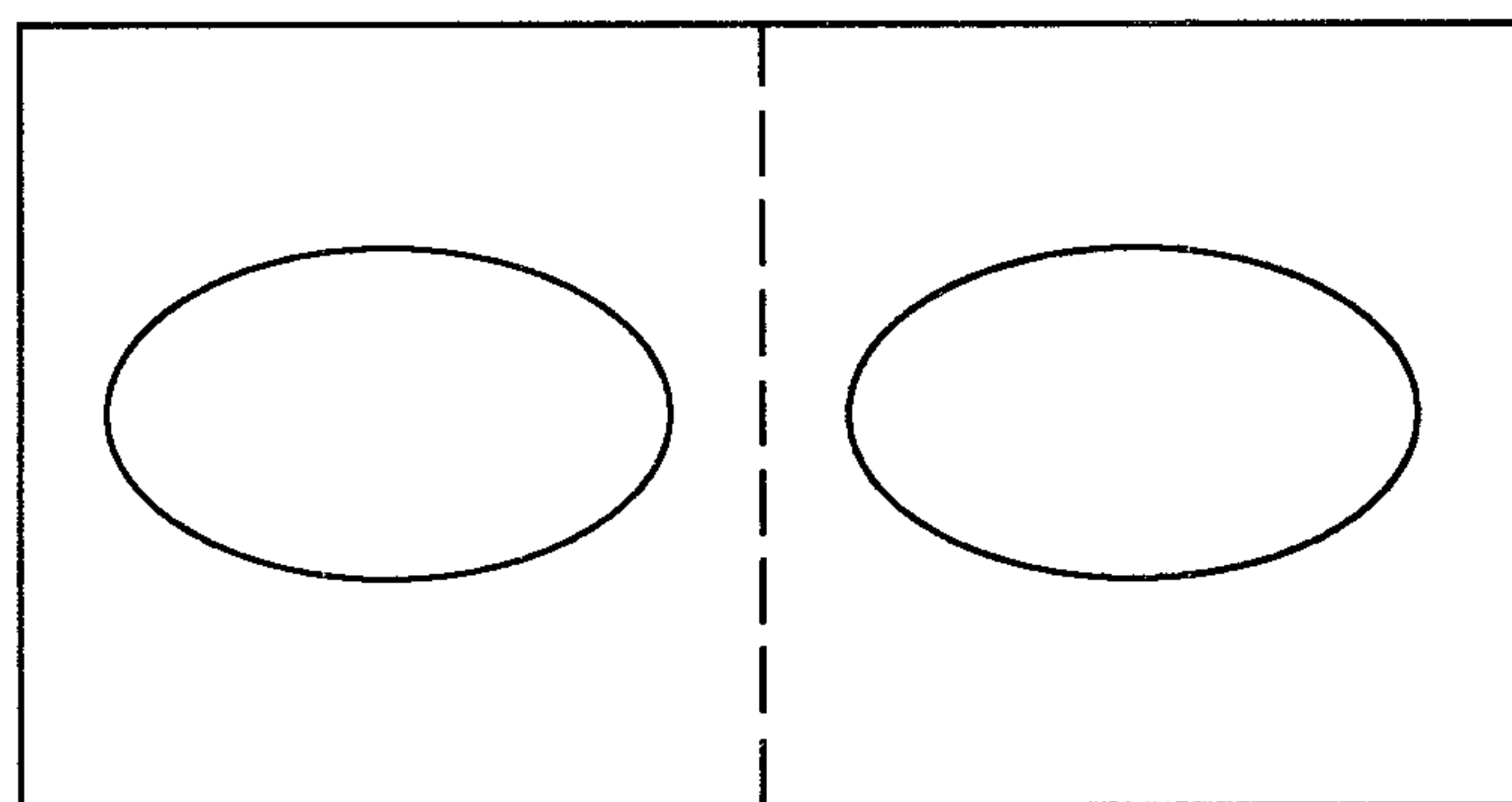
1. Nobody had any money.
2. 25¢ per hour was the wage scale.
3. "Not Hiring" signs posted at all factories.
4. No crime problems.
5. A new car was \$500.00.
6. No aids or drug problems.

"I saw Barney Oldfield put the Chrysler and De Sota through their paces."

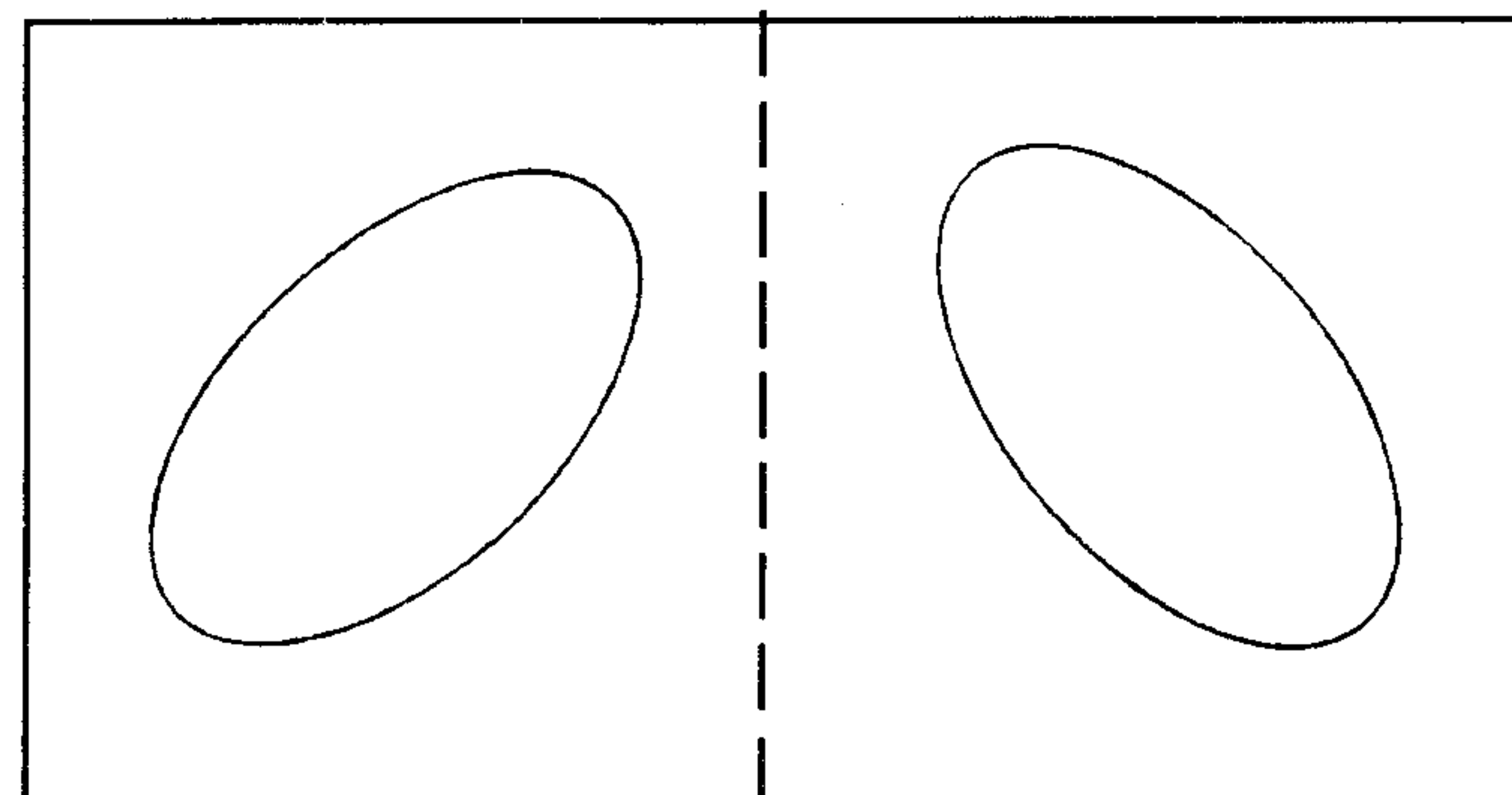
TEC 2x2's FOR SALE

Your club has special high quality 2x2 elongated coin holders for sale. There are two types, the slanted window and the horizontal window type, both available in white only. Be certain to specify which window type you desire when ordering. Prices include postage prepaid. (Non-US addresses please add for postage.) **Make checks payable to TEC. Send orders to: Ray Dillard, P.O. Box 161, Fenton, MI 48430.**

100 for \$3.50
500 for \$16.50
1000 for \$30.00



Horizontal Opening



Slanted Opening



On Computers & Elongateds

By Jim Dundon, TEC 1040

A couple of years ago, I invested in my first computer and I've been hooked ever since. Before the computer came along, I had to depend on available press-on type to get the text ready to cut a die. There is no worse feeling than to spend a day or so laying out and pressing on the wording for the Lord's Prayer, only to hold it out and see how crooked the whole thing looked, or to find smudges or fingerprints had soiled the page. All of these things add up to more work when you are getting ready to cut a die.

With the computer, it is now possible to obtain text that is both straight and parallel. If you accidentally misspell a word, you can just reinsert the corrected text by typing it over. The computer seemed to take me out of the dark ages and into a whole new world. It didn't stop me from being a perfectionist, however. I still find myself spending a great deal of time in "redesigning" a coin to the "Nth degree."

Now it is simpler to curve or reshape text. There is a program called *Gem Artline* that lets you do amazing things with text. It is also a drawing program, which means that you can lay out the whole design before sending it to a printer. The one drawback is that you do not see on the screen, what you get on the paper. There is still a lot of trial and error involved. Those of you who have sent for my flyer on Stock Designs can see the use that I have made of the computer. The variety and size of text are virtually endless. With a few keystrokes you can go back and change the size, shape, even the curvature of text. It is truly fascination. The tough part comes in making a decision on which one to use.

The benefit of having many different styles of type available is a mixed blessing. Although there are seemingly endless amounts of text available, you are limited by how fine a line that you are able to cut into the steel. If you try to use a style of type that has both thick and thin lines, you can really get into a bind. Most acid etching leaves the cuts rough and undercut. This can cause the coin to stick to the roller. There is a limit to how small a line you can clean up with the rotary grind tools that we use on the dies. If you try to get too fine a line on the lettering, you run the risk of either not getting the resist to take, or getting too fine a line to grind out!

There is no way that I could ever go back to rubbing on letters to make a die. Computers are definitely the way to go, I would not recommend to everyone that you go out and buy a computer just to lay out a die, but if you have one at your disposal you should use it. Everyday there are new and better programs coming out which enables one to do more and more things. The future of our hobby (or business) will be greatly affected by the use of computers. We will be seeing a better and better class of elongated being produced. I predict that some of the modern issues will start to rival the works of some of the old Masters of elongateds.

Just to make the record clear, I am not saying that these moderns will ever be in the same class as the older "Hand Cut" dies from the likes of Lloyd Wagonman or Adam Cool. I am saying that they will be in a class of their own, and that based on technical merit and complexity of design, they will certainly hold their own and gain their rightful place alongside the oldies.

Even though it is in some ways easier to do the artwork on a computer, it is still a lot of work. I did a ship for a Columbus 500 year coin and the ship alone has 297 pieces in the design. Each element had its own characteristics for size, shape, and position. Using the computer, I still put in a full day on the design. Without the computer, I never could have achieved the same results unless I just happened to stumble upon the correct artwork. Just as the creators of the oldies used the available tools of their day, the modern die maker should make use of any and every tool at their disposal.

SPECIAL OFFER: Anyone who sends me a self-addressed business size envelope with a 52¢ stamp will receive a copy of my stock coin flyer and examples of my die work. I will be sure to include a specimen of the Columbus coin mentioned above. Please contact me if you need a custom coin or are interested in one of the commercial rolling machines I build. *You can write Jim at 4211 Catherine Street, Panama City Beach, FL 32408. Tel: 904/234-0267.*



500th Anniversary

By Jack Rosenbluth, TEC 752

The 500th Anniversary of the Discovery of America was a once in a lifetime project for an elongated coin in my mind and I tried several ways in which I wanted to present this very particular issue. As many of you know I have always maintained that the collecting of elongated coins to me was more than just accumulating one to be put in a 2x2 holder and stuck in a loose leaf binder. I have made several different kinds of packages in the hopes that it would take hold and make the collector realize how much more there is to many of the elongated coins produced. As you know my ELONG-COIN-CARDS™ give a history of what the elongate was made for and background of what it's about. These have been accepted by many collectors as a contribution to the collecting of elongates.

For the 500th Anniversary of the Discovery of America, I decided to make something special and came up with the following. A frame 8 1/2x11" parchment-like paper with very beautifully done art work of the Santa Maria with the Nina and Pinta in the background. There is an inset with the bust of Columbus and a scroll with historic information. At the bottom of the sheet is a map with the route Columbus traveled in the discovery. Along side, the two elongated coins are mounted, one on each side. The elongates are of Columbus and the other one of the Santa Maria. When placed in a black document style frame it makes a really nice item to be mounted on a wall to be admired and enjoyed. I don't want to forget to note that this is a very Limited Edition and numbered. The elongates are rolled on 1992 cents and are mounted with a prime grade of masking tape so the coins may be removed with no damage to the parchment paper or the coins themselves. Of course this is strictly an option of the owner.

Should you like to add this issue to your collection, it may be obtained by sending \$5.00 for each ordered, postpaid, to Jack Rosenbluth, 2299 Mt. Zion Road, Dept. TEC6, York, PA 17402. (Ed. Note: Jack donated one of these handsome displays to the annual TEC auction, and as I remember it realized a good price, and found a new home.)

German Imports Arrive

By "Doug" Fairbanks, TEC 623

From a foreign contact, I have recently received two German elongated coins, as rolled out in a tourist area, accompanied by relative explanations for the image-topic.

1. Vert. with small dot border. On brass German 5 pfenning. Convex around top edge / KLOSTER /. Centered on coin, a large domed building with two spires. Concave at bottom edge / ETTAL /.

Story: It is a Monostary in the town of Ettal in the Bavarian Alps, south of Munich between Fressen and Garmisch. Founded in the year 1330, the legend is that King Ludwig went to Rome to secure for himself the Imperial Crown. On his way he met bitter need and poverty, and in desperation he started to pray. An old grey Monk appeared to him, and promised to help, if the King would build a Monestary in the Alps. It is a very well preserved church, and they brew some very food beer there. (Have one extra issue).

2. Vert. with small dot border. On copper German 2 pfenning. Convex around top edge / NEUSCHWANSTEIN /. Centered on coin, a castle with towers, on a hill-side. Concave at bottom edge / SCHLOSS /.

Story: Depicted, Mad Ludwig's Fairy Castle. Walt Disney Enterprises copies this castle for use in their parks.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Rocky Rockholt, who recently announced his purchase of the Ralph Jones inventory, machine and dies is concerned regarding the way the coins can be properly identified in the future. The concern is . . . Original Rolls or Rerolls? In order to make it clear and easy to identify the difference a small dot will be placed below the initials that Ralph Jones used "R.J." A dot below these two initials will indicate for future collectors that the coins bearing these dots will be rerolls from the original Jones dies. If anyone has any questions or comments regarding this action please write directly to Rocky Rockholt at 2678 Sumac Ridge, White Bear Lake, MN 55110-5646. Tel: 612-777-9000.



Columbus' Prayer

By John G. Spadone

From the log of Christopher Columbus . . .

"We set sail on this third day of August, 1492, at 8 o'clock in the morning, from the Bar of Saltes. The wind was strong and variable, and we had gone 45 miles to the south by sunset. After dark I altered course for the Canary islands."

The original log was lost and in the 16th century Bartolone de Casa (priest) recopied the log from a copy of the original.

On August 3, 1492 Columbus set sail for the new world from Palos, Spain under the sponsorship of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, who provided three ships and ninety men.

The Nina and the Pinta were 75 feet in length and the flagship, Santa Maria was 80-90 feet. Each ship carried 30 men. The pilot and captain had small quarters in the aft cabin, while the men lived on deck or in the storage area below. Salt was the only preservative to prevent food spoilage and the water became foul and the wine turned to vinegar.

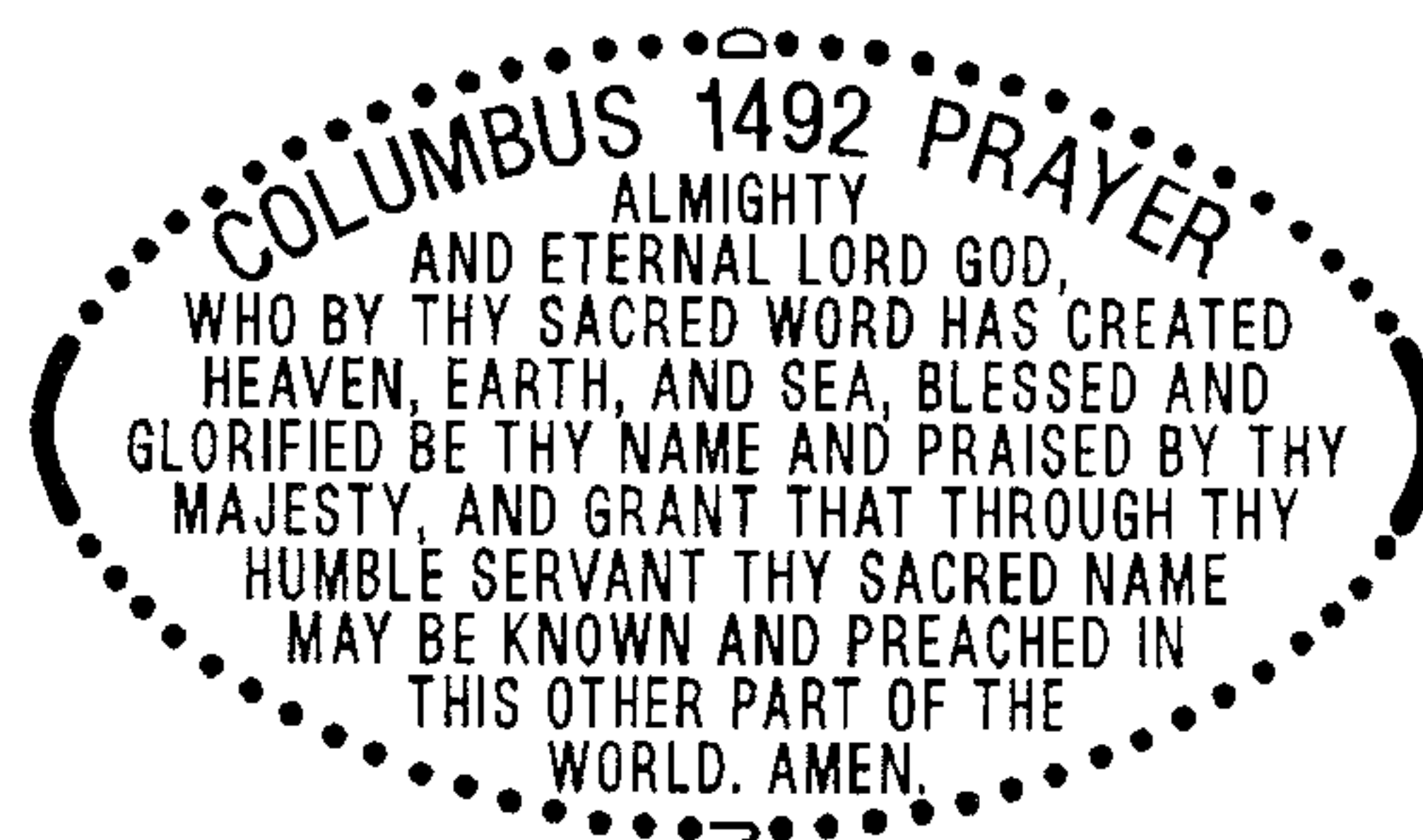
Columbus sailed south to the Canary islands, off the northwest coast of Africa, to catch the "Easterlies" winds. This smart course was sometimes called "Ladies Run" by the ancient mariners of the 11th century.

The Pinta had rudder trouble on August 6, 1492 (possible sabotage) and was repaired at the Canary islands. The Nina, Columbus' favorite ship, was "square-rigged" for more efficient sailing on the return trip with the "Westerlies", winds of the northwest. Columbus knew about the "Westerlies" from his trips to England. The repairs and modifications set Columbus back 30 days. He sailed west for the orient on September 6, 1492. Columbus promised his men anything to ease their fears and motivate them as sailors.

The insubordinate Captain Pinzon of the Pinta said he saw land 45 miles north. Columbus chose not to alter the course, had he, he may have landed on the American mainland.

They entered "The Sea of Sargasso" on September 15th and saw weeds, crabs and birds – The signs of land. Columbus sailed due west on half the journey, then slightly southwest to land fall.

On October 12, 1492 at 2 o'clock in the morning a cannon was fired from the Pinta as a signal that land was sighted.



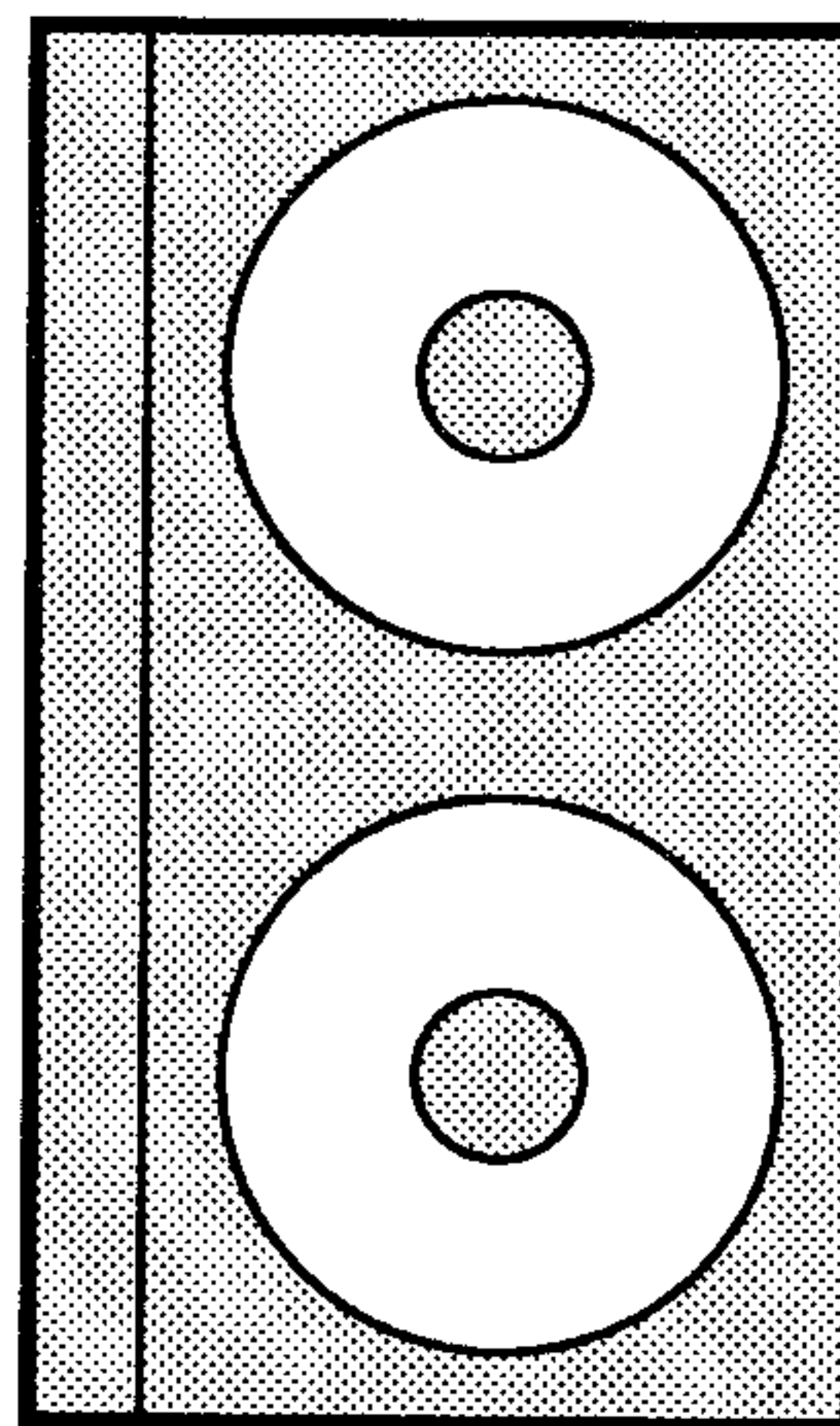
Columbus claimed a Bahamian island he called "San Salvador." He went ashore and kneeled on the sandy beach and said this prayer:

Almighty and Eternal Lord God, Who by Thy Sacred Word has Created Heaven, Earth and Sea, Blessed and Glorified be Thy Name and Praised by Thy Majesty, and grant that through Thy humble servant Thy Sacred Name may be known and preached in this other part of the World. Amen.

Columbus, the 40 year old "Nautical Genius," united Europe with the Western World, on that historic date of October 12, 1492, 500 years ago. The natives thought they were men from heaven. Columbus found the Indians (passive) and the Caribe (war-like), who sometime ate their captives. That's how the Caribbean sea was named by the Spanish meaning "A Sea of Cannibals."

Columbus was not only the master navigator of his time, but definitely the luckiest, as he made his journey during the "Hurricane Season" and never ran into any storm.

The 'Columbus Prayer' is rolled on a copper cent and the profits will go to the victims of Hurricane Andrew. A donation of one dollar, minimum would be appreciated. Write to John G. Spadone, 4872 N.W. 171 Terrace, Miami, FL 33055-4260.



TEC Video Library

The following VHS tapes are available on loan: "**The Elongated Collectors**" and "**Making of a Steel Die**." The rental price for both is \$10.00 plus the cost of return postage. Address your request to Ray Dillard, P.O. Box 161, Fenton, MI 48430.



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The Excitement of a New Elongated Coin

By Jack Rosenbluth, TEC 752

Where does the idea stem from for the subject of an elongated coin? This is a questions that has unlimited answers. For me it lies in the events of history that stir the enzymes of excitement to produce that special elongate. My aim is to record history that collectors of yesterday, today and tomorrow can enjoy for many, many years to come and pass on to future generations.

When I read of an upcoming centennial bicentennial, tricentennial, a city or borough anniversary, a museum relating to history, a historical event, etc., I' "Johnny on the spot." I could go on and on but the bottom line is the ultimate production of a coin and package I can be proud of for myself and to offer to collectors.

As a custom roller I do not make unlimited quantities of my product so the market is not a sea of so many that they do not appeal to the serious collector. There are many subjects to make elongated coins for that it is not worth making large quantities. But, the average collector must realize that smaller quantities mean a little higher price so the roller may recover his costs. Another point that I would like to elaborate on is when I make an elongate for an

organization or anyone in particular, I always try to make an arrangement to have some offered through me to offer to collectors out of the area as they would not have a way to get them if it is a local product. I offer them through the TEC Newsletter, on my list that I have of what I make and through the coin periodicals with a press release.

I have received many compliments about what I produce and that makes me very proud. I will always strive to continue in that way to produce a fine product and a collectible that everyone will enjoy collecting. Since TEC has gained so many new members I would like each and every new member to have a list of what I have produced and offer a list to all. Just send a self addressed stamped envelope (SASE) to me at 2299 Mt. Zion Road, York, PA 17402. I will send you a list and 3 bonus coupons worth a total of \$2.25 on future purchases. To my many fellow collectors that have already made purchases from me I will enclose the bonus coupons the next time you send in an order to be used for future purchases. Remember the hobby of collecting elongated coins can be a very interesting and rewarding.

"Golden Merit Award" Elongate Awarded

During the month of August, author Angelo A. Rosato was presented a unique award. A 20 Lire gold coin from Italy was rolled with the TEC Merit Award Coin design and presented to Angelo. The certificate which accompanied the special award read as follows:


Golden Merit Award – 1992

WHEREAS: Angelo A. Rosato spent 22 years compiling and publishing The Encyclopedia Of The Modern Elongated.

WHEREAS: This monumental volume is recognized as a major contribution to hobby of collecting elongated coins.

THEREFORE: This Golden Merit Award was created and this document is issued to certify that the coin is an authentic Italian 20 Lira and as an Elongated Coin, it is unique.

As President of the organization of "The Elongated Collectors" I take a great deal of pleasure in presenting this Golden Merit Award Coin to Charter Member #23, Angelo A. Rosato.


Raymond W. Dillard, Pres.

The basic artwork for the coin was created by Bert Samsa.

The layout work by R.W. Dillard

The die was engraved by Frank Brazzell.

The gold coin was donated by John G. Spadone.

The coin was rolled by R.W. Dillard.



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TEC News is **December 15, 1992.**

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Set of 5 Wooden Nickels for the Baltimore ANA Convention. \$3.00 per set postpaid. Also available Baltimore ANA Convention elongateds, \$6.00 per set postpaid; Baltimore ANA elongated quarter badge, \$5.00 each plus 50¢ postage. Only 102 elongated sets and 102 elongated badges available. Make check payable to MSNA and send to: MSNA, P.O. Box 6533, Sparrows Point, MD 21219.

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THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS (TEC)

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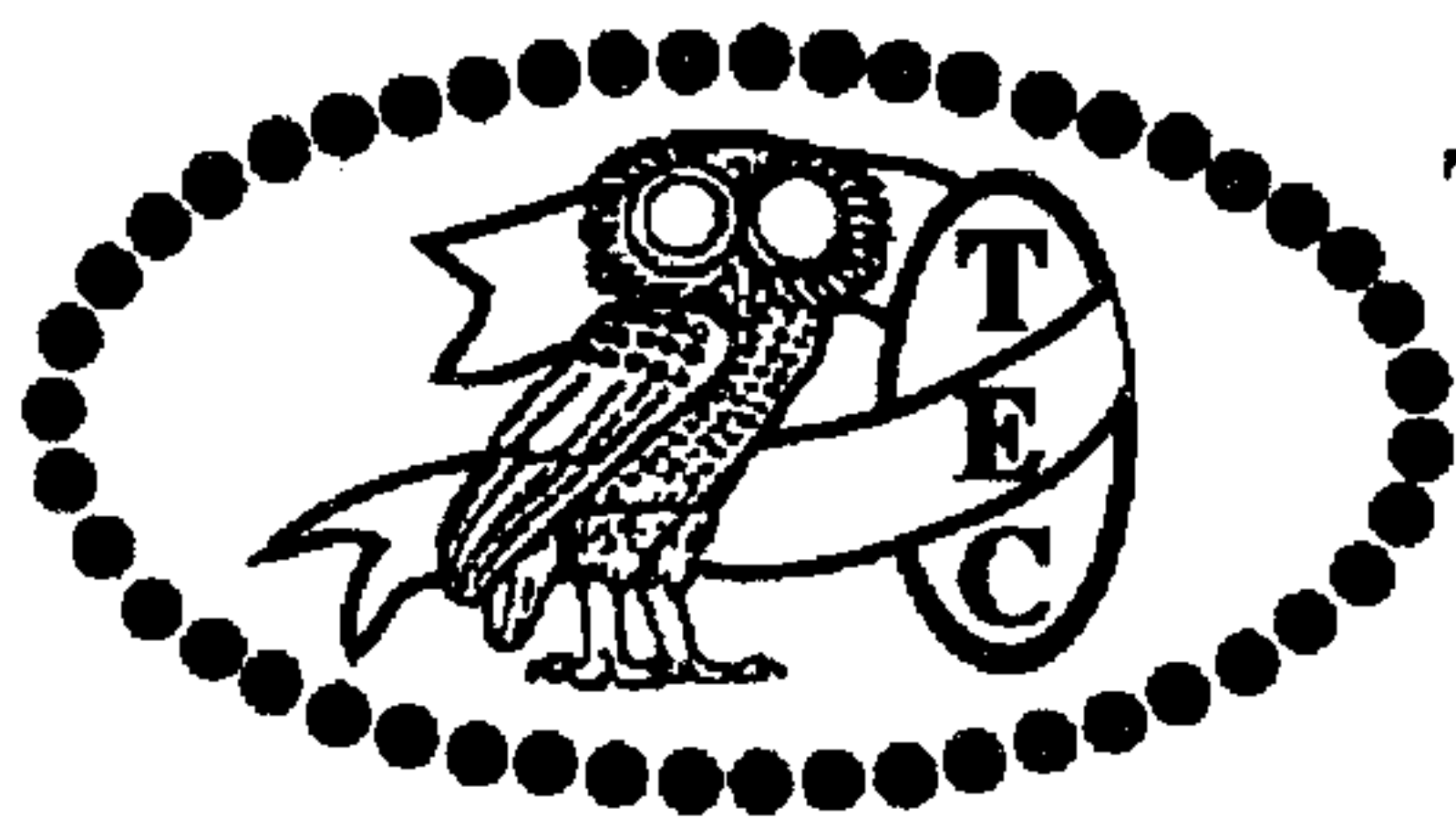
- ★ You receive 4 issues of the *TEC News*. Each issue ranges from 14 to 20 pages featuring informative articles, notices of new issues and more! Plus each issue contains a free elongated coin donated by a member or club.
- ★ You get to place a free classified ad in each issue of the *TEC News*.
- ★ You will receive an annual Membership Coin and a life long TEC membership number.
- ★ If you write an article for the *TEC News*, you'll be awarded a special *TEC News* Award Coin for each article you write. In 1991 only 55 of these collectors items were awarded.
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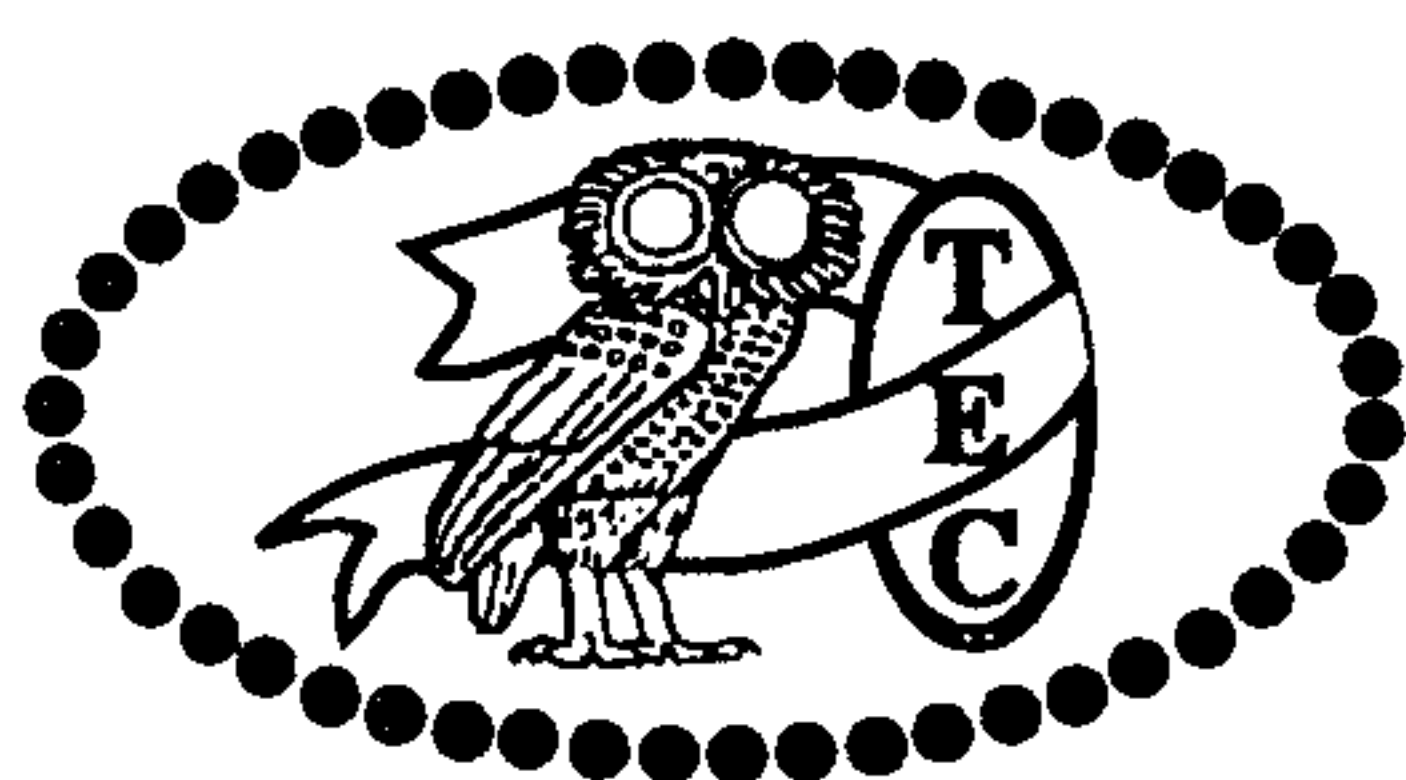
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